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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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MRN C O R R E C T I O N NOTICE

THE MESSAGE SENT YOU AS STATE 084719, SUBJECT LEBANON,

SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ STATE 084716.

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, US, SA

SUBJECT: LEBANON

REF: JIDDA 2546

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING FROM THE SECRETARY TO  
PRINCE FAHD:

2. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE MESSAGE THAT HIS HIGHNESS  
SENT ME TODAY ABOUT THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN LEBANON.  
HIS HIGHNESS MAY BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
IS DOING ALL THAT IT CAN, PRINCIPALLY THROUGH THE  
ACTIVITIES OF AMBASSADOR BROWN, TO AFFIRM THE CEASEFIRE,  
PREVENT A FURTHER OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING AND TO HELP CARRY  
THROUGH THE POLITICAL STEPS NECESSARY FOR A LONGER RUN  
SOLUTION. I WAS GRATIFIED AND ENCOURAGED TO HEAR THAT  
THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING TO CALL ON ALL THE  
PARTIES TO EXERCISE WISDOM AND SELF-CONTROL.

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3. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE  
CONSEQUENCES THAT WOULD FOLLOW FROM AN ISRAELI INTERVENTION  
IN LEBANON AND THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DOING ALL IT CAN  
TO RESTRAIN THE ISRAELIS IN THIS RESPECT. IN THE  
U.S. VIEW, HOWEVER, THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT ISRAELI INTER-  
VENTION IS TO ENCOURAGE THE SYRIANS TO RESTRICT THEMSELVES  
TO POLITICAL MEANS AND NOT TO INTERVENE WITH SYRIAN  
FORCES. PRESIDENT ASAD HAS SHOWN ADMIRABLE RESTRAINT IN  
THIS RESPECT AND I BELIEVE HE IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO  
FIND A SOLUTION OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER. WE ARE  
SUPPORTING HIM STRONGLY IN THIS.

4. YOUR HIGHNESS SHOULD KNOW THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN HAD  
A LONG DISCUSSION WITH THE CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN LEBANON  
LAST MONDAY IN WHICH SECURITY AND POLITICAL MATTERS WERE  
COVERED. RECOGNIZING THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL  
SECURITY DURING THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD AND THE EFFORTS TO  
ACHIEVE A POLITICAL SOLUTION, BROWN DISCUSSED WAYS IN  
WHICH A SECURITY FORCE MIGHT BE CONSTITUTED. HE

SUGGESTED AS HIS PERSONAL THOUGHT THAT THE VARIOUS FACTIONS IN LEBANON MIGHT CONTRIBUTE UNITS TO SUCH A FORCE AT LEAST AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE WHILE LONGER RANGE EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO CONSTRUCT A LEBANESE SECURITY FORCE TO BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. THERE WAS SOME OPPOSITION AND SOME SKEPTICISM, BUT IN GENERAL THE LEADERS BELIEVED THAT SUCH A FORCE MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT CHRISTIAN FIGHTING ELEMENTS MIGHT BE CONTRIBUTED TO IT.

5. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, BROWN EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR THE POSITION OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MILITARILY, BUT SAID THAT THE SOLUTION FOR THE CHRISTIANS SEEMED CLEARLY TO BE TO PROCEED RAPIDLY WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS INVOLVED IN CHOOSING A NEW PRESIDENT AND WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD A LONG RUN POLITICAL SOLUTION.

6. I HOPE THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE PARTIES, AS WE ARE DOING, TO PURSUE IN GOOD FAITH THE SEARCH FOR A  
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POLITICAL SOLUTION AND TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER FIGHTING, WHICH WOULD ONLY LEAD TO THE OUTSIDE INTERVENTIONS THAT, AS WE BOTH UNDERSTAND, WILL HAVE SUCH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES.

7. I SEND HIS HIGHNESS MY VERY BEST WISHES.

8. FOR AMBASSADOR PORTER: REFTEL AS RECEIVED HERE CONTAINED IN THE SECOND SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPH OF FAHD'S MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING LINE: QUOTE: AND WOULD PREPARE A SUITABLE CLIMATE FOR THE SAG TO PURSUE ITS MEDIATION UNQUOTE. WE ASSUME THE REFERENCE HERE IS TO THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT (SARG), NOT TO THE SAUDI ARAB GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ON THIS POINT. KISSINGER

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